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SUBJECT: PAKISTANI SECURITY COUNCIL CANDIDACY

1. DURING CALL ON UNDER SECRETARY SISTO SEPT 16, PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR YAQUB PROVIDED BRIEFING ON STATUS OF PAKISTAN'S CANDIDACY FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL. YAQUB SAID THE GOP EXPECTED THAT NO CONSENSUS WOULD EMERGE FROM THE ASIAN GROUP BUT SEEMED OPTIMISTIC THAT GOP WOULD PREVAIL IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

2. YAQUB SAID THAT PAKISTAN EXPECTED GOOD SUPPORT FROM THE NORDIC COUNTRIES AND THE CARIBBEAN, AS WELL AS THE ARAB STATES, WITH A FEW EXCEPTIONS. IN ASIA, NEPAL, SRI LANKA, BAHRAIN AND BURMA HAD NOT YET GIVEN A PROMISE OF SUPPORT. HE SAID GOP WAS NOT QUITE SURE OF JAPANESE ATTITUDE.

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SUPPORT FOR PAKISTAN IN LATIN AMERICA WAS "PATCHY" POSSIBLY

BECAUSE THE INDIAN PRESENCE THROUGHOUT THE AREA WAS MUCH GREATER AND PAKISTAN'S EXCLUSION FROM THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP WAS A PROBLEM.

3. YAQUB EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE U.S. ATTITUDE ON PAKISTAN'S CANDIDACY AND SAID THE GOP UNDERSTOOD IT WOULD

BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE FOR U.S. OPENLY TO SUPPORT PAKISTAN. YAQUB WENT ON TO DISCUSS THE ISRAELI EXPULSION RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE JIDDA ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE. HE SAID PAKISTAN HAD TRIED TO PLAY A MODERATING ROLE, IMPLYING THAT GOP HOPED THAT U.S. WOULD NOT HOLD THIS INCIDENT AGAINST PAKISTAN IN DECIDING WHOM TO SUPPORT FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

4. SISCO REPLIED THAT USG HOPED WE WOULD NOT HAVE TO FACE THE ISRAELI EXPULSION ISSUE THIS YEAR. WHILE USG UNDERSTANDS PAKISTAN'S POSITION, NO ONE SHOULD UNDERESTIMATE STRENGTH OF OUR VIEWS ON THIS MATTER. USG FEELS THIS IS AN ISSUE OF CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLE AS WELL AS A MATTER OF DEEP CONCERN IN OUR RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. IN A VERY DIRECT AND FRANK MANNER SISCO THEN SAID HE HOPED HE WOULD NOT BE CONFRONTED WITH THE ISRAELI EXPULSION ISSUE. HOWEVER, IF ISSUE DOES ARISE WHEN SC ELECTION IS OVER, GOP COULD EXPECT FUTURE DEMARCHES FROM US ON THIS MATTER. AMBASSADOR SMILED AND SAID HE UNDERSTOOD.

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